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Central Valley Project Conservation Progam

1.0 Introduction

This report describes a framework for the Central Valley Project Conservation Program (CVPCP). The original report was published in September 1997; this revision provides updates and additional information. The primary goal of the Conservation Program, developed and managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), is to meet the needs, including habitat needs, of listed and special-status species affected by the Central Valley Project (CVP). The CVPCP is highly integrated into the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Habitat Restoration Program [(b)(1) "other" program]. The purpose and objectives of the HRP are outlined in that program's "Project Plan", which is revised and updated in conjunction with this report. As authorized in the CVPIA at Section 3406(b)(1), this program is generally to address other environmental impacts of the CVP, such as the impacts to birds in the Pacific Flyway as well as listed species.

The species whose needs will be addressed by the Conservation Program include primarily federally-listed species - species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 usc 1532, et seq.) as threatened or endangered. In addition, species that are proposed or are candidates for Federal listing, as well as other species of concern, will benefit from the Program if they have high-priority biological needs. Together with the attached appendices, this document describes the Conservation Program and how it is being and will continue to be implemented.

1.1 Purpose and Need

The overall purpose and need of the Conservation Program is to meet, in concert with other programs, the habitat and related needs of special-status species as defined above. Implementation of the Conservation Program, by addressing the needs of listed species, should reduce existing threats and help ameliorate past impacts to special-status species whose historic or current range includes areas that have been affected by the CVP (Figure 1 shows the potential area of effect). However, it should also be noted that higher priority is given to species other than anadromous fish, for which several other programs give top priority.

California is well known for its varied habitats; the Central Valley in particular was historically one of the most biologically diverse areas in North America. But many of the biological resources of this area have been reduced or severely degraded by human activities. Impacts include the inundation of thousands of acres of upland, wetland, and riparian habitats by large reservoirs; degradation of wetland, riparian, and aquatic habitats downstream from reservoirs due to changes in both quantities and timing of river flows; and conversion of upland and wetland habitats for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses. Although the Central Valley remains biologically diverse, the present-day condition of indigenous fish and wildlife and their habitats can be described only as poor. As much as 80 and even 95 percent of some habitat types, such as wetlands and riparian forests, have been lost, and dozens of species have been listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered, or are considered candidates for listing. Other species and habitats demonstrate downward trends that, if left unchecked, could lead to similar results.

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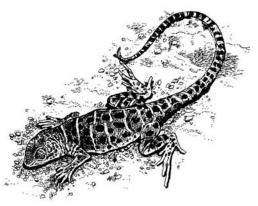
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Blunt-nosed leopard lizard

*Potential Threatened and Endangered Species Impact Area for the Central Valley Project



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1.2 Goals and Objectives

The primary goal of the Conservation Program is to implement an aggressive adaptive management program that will protect, restore, and enhance special-status species and their habitats that have been directly or indirectly affected by the CVP, especially in the Central Valley and in other areas where CVP water is delivered. The objectives of the Conservation Program are to:

- Address the needs of listed and special status-species in an ecosystem-based manner
- Assist in the conservation of biological diversity
- Improve existing conditions for listed and special status species and reduce conflicts with future projects

Meeting these objectives would help ensure that current and future operations of the CVP will not jeopardize the existence of any species. While highest priority is given to opportunities in or near water districts, it is recognized that opportunities are available outside the districts. Moreover, it is preferred to take advantage of existing high quality habitat and populations outside districts than to convert agricultural land back to habitat for CVP-affected species.

2.0 Background

The concept for a CVP Conservation Program was developed in 1991 during the Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 7 consultation between Reclamation and the Service for the renewal of the Friant Division water contracts. As a result of this consultation, Reclamation and the Service developed the San Joaquin Valley Endangered Species Recovery Program to address endangered species issues in the San Joaquin Valley.

As part of this consultation and a subsequent consultation on interim renewal contracts, Reclamation agreed to address endangered species issues throughout the area affected by the CVP.

In the summer of 1995, the Assistant Regional Directors of the Service and Reclamation, and their staffs, met with the goal of developing a mutually acceptable approach for addressing endangered species issues in the CVP service areas. The agencies agreed that:

- A CVP Endangered Species Act (ESA) Team (i.e. Technical Team) consisting of staff from both the Service and Reclamation would develop and implement a CVP Conservation Program.
- The Conservation Program would be based on (1) the needs of listed and special status species in the area affected by the CVP and (2) the opportunities available to Reclamation and the Service to address these needs (rather than on an accounting of the specific impacts of the CVP, which is accomplished through the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)).
- with other initiatives, is intended to ensure that the existing operation of the CVP, implementation of the CVPIA, and renewal of CVP water service contracts would not jeopardize listed or proposed species or adversely affect designated critical habitat.

An Interagency Technical Team will direct and implement the CVP Conservation Program



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3.0 Implementation

This section briefly describes the implementation process for the Conservation Program, which will be guided by the following principles:

- Implementing actions will respond directly to biological needs
- Highest priority needs will generally be addressed first
- Priorities and needs, and thus the implementation plan, will change over time
- identify actions for implementation mainly by synthesizing existing information about needs and specific actions rather than by duplicating other efforts and developing information on its own. However, there may be some situations for which existing information is not available, and the Conservation Program will develop new information
- Actions will be implemented in coordination with other ongoing programs such as the CVPIA Habitat Restoration Program (HRP), and with partners when possible.

3.1 Identification of Threatened and Endangered Species

The Conservation Program will primarily address federally listed species. However, a secondary focus will be other special status species that are listed as threatened or endangered pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act, and species proposed for listing pursuant to either the Federal or State ESA. In addition, species that are candidates for listing pursuant to the Federal Act, species on the Service's list of species of special concern, species listed as rare under California law, species of special

concern according to California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and other species with compelling biological needs may be appropriate special status species for the Conservation Program.

The Service has identified 1,320 special status species in the potential area of impact of which 288 are federally listed, proposed or candidate species. Because of the length of this list, it is not included in this report. The list can be obtained through the Endangered Species Program, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office. Species may be added to or removed from this list by the technical team based on new information or as species needs are met by program actions.

3.2 Identification of High-Priority Species and Habitats

Each year, the CVPCP, in conjunction with the HRP, will reevaluate species and habitat priorities. Prior to proposal solicitation, program managers will receive input from Service biologists and managers regarding current high-priority species and habitats. The Service will refine annual priorities based a review of information from habitat based data, recovery plans, listing packages, habitat conservation plans, other consultations, and monitoring programs. These priorities will also take into account past expenditures of resources, and will try to reflect a balanced approach to recovering species found throughout the CVP impact area.

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3.3 Identification of Ecological Needs

During annual prioritization of species/habitats (see paragraph 3.2), the ecological needs of high priority species will be reviewed and refined by the Service, CDFG, and other cooperating agencies. Factors responsible for the decline of a species will be considered and, if possible, the most important limiting factors will be identified. Agency biologists will continually review species recovery plans, habitat conservation plans, and other resources to help better define ecological needs.

3.4 Identification of Options to Address these Needs

Options to address the ecological needs, especially critical needs or limiting factors, will be developed. Most options will have been identified in other efforts; however, with the help and input of the general public and stakeholders, the Conservation Program may identify new options.

3.5 Specific Action Proposals

At the beginning of each funding cycle, the CVPCP Project Manager, working with the CVPCP Technical Team, will seek specific action proposals from agencies and stakeholders. These proposals will address the priorities agreed to by Reclamation, the Service, the Technical Team, and other cooperating agencies. As a minimum, proposals being considered for funding should contain the following (see **Appendix A** for "example" proposal):

- * Title of Project
- * A detailed written legal description of the project location including size and a project map including local reference points.

- Detailed description of the proposed activities. When relevant, include managing entity and who will be responsible for maintenance and monitoring.
- Surrounding land use activities to project area.
- Relationship between proposed activities and the CVP.
- Species to benefit from project activity, including federal and state status species.
- Cost estimate and breakdown by tasks.
- Other potential funding sources being considered and collaborators.
- Projected time frame for project implementation and completion.
- Name of principal investigator(s), address, and phone number.
- Habitat requirements of target species.
- Describe any suitable habitat for the species of concern in the project vicinity.
- Existing baseline conditions of habitats and species within and adjacent to project area.
- Status of existing or planned biological surveys on the project area, especially as they relate to listed species.

3.6 Selecting Actions (proposals) for Implementation

On an annual basis, the Technical Team will evaluate current proposals and proposals not previously selected At the beginning of each funding cycle, the Conservation Program will seek specific action proposals from agencies and stakeholders.



Valley elderberry longhorn beetle

Existing Recovery Plans should be consulted to determine whether an action can be correlated with Recovery Plan tasks.

for implementation. The following evaluation criteria will be used when ranking proposals:

CVP Nexus

The criteria considers whether a "nexus" exist between the project proposal and the CVP. Generally a nexus is determined based on two factors:

- 1. Will benefits to a CVP affected species or resource occurring within a CVP contract service area, or in an area where CVP water is delivered.
- 2. Is there a strong linkage between an affected habitat (i.e. vernal pools) and the CVP? This would allow, in some cases, for a project area to be outside a CVP Service Area as long this linkage between habitat types exist.

It is important to bear in mind that opportunities to most cost-effectively recover a species may not all be found within water districts, but, at the same time, there are recovery actions specifically identified within the CVP service area that should get preference when there are willing sellers or the conditions necessary to move forward are otherwise suitable for implementation of such tasks, and other considerations are equally beneficial to the resource.

Listed Species/Baseline Benefits:

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have specific benefits to species that are currently Federally listed, as opposed to proposals with broader ecological benefits. The criterion asks the following question: Does the proposal provide a major, moderate, or minimal benefit to the baseline for CVP-affected species and especially for High Priority Action Species?

The more listed species, and the greater the benefit, the higher the score the proposal is given.

Existing Recovery Plans should be consulted to determine whether an action within a proposal can be correlated with Recovery Plan tasks.

This correlation can be used as a tool for determining the scale of benefit that would result from implementation of the proposal.

A "major" benefit to baseline would be an activity whereby species numbers or habitats are markedly improved, such as a restoration project which targets listed species (creating giant garter snake habitat), a captive breeding (riparian brush rabbit), or a seed banking program, etc... A "moderate" benefit may be a general habitat restoration that has some real but not significant benefits to listed species (a riparian restoration project in which elderberry are planted in conjunction with other riparian species). A project with "minimal" or "maintenance" affects on a species baseline might be a project such as a fee title or easement acquisition, absent of restoration or active management, where known populations are protected from encroaching land uses.

This criterion has the particular merit of highlighting projects that represent rarer opportunities over other projects that benefit resources that can wait longer (or be funded by other sources)

Proposed/Candidate Species:

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have benefits to species that are currently being considered for listing, in addition to any other kind of ecological benefit.



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Targeted Species

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have benefits to other native species of concern that may become listed in the future.

Multiple Habitats

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have benefits to ecosystems that currently support a habitat matrix composed of habitat components that complement each other in ways that increase their value to conserving native species beyond what each habitat would do separately, as opposed to projects that would not have that kind of benefit.

Cumulative Benefit

This criterion is similar to project connectivity, but indicates that the project will provide benefits that are even more valuable because they cross a threshold such as enabling fire management of a preserve to become markedly less difficult due to ease of establishing an appropriate rotation of controlled burns, providing space enough to ensure that the ecosystem will supply sufficient resources of some kind that are necessary to a species, allow a population to withstand an epizootic or epiphytotic disease event more safely, or otherwise can support enough individuals to assure long-term viability of a population or species.

Long-term Benefit

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have benefits that are expected to continue in perpetuity, as opposed to projects that address an immediate problem, but may become superfluous to the long term conservation of Central Valley ecosystems and native species

due to later projects and conservation measures.

Project Connectivity

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have synergistic benefits because one proposal has more benefits due to habitats that are in proximity to other protected habitat areas, rather than isolated at this time.

Partners

This criterion distinguishes projects where there will be contributions of cash or in-kind services toward the total cost of the project.

Maintain/Enchance Biodiversity

This criterion is used to distinguish between projects that have benefits to ecosystems that currently support a large proportion of the native species expected in the habitats to be benefited, particularly in habitats that have greatly declined elsewhere, in addition to other kinds of ecological benefit.

The criterion relates to the array of native species on the proposal's project site, and is not limited to listed species. It can apply to proposals that would protect a diverse area and/or increase diversity through restoration.

CVP Impacts

This criterion serves to indicate to what extent a species, habitat, or ecosystem has been affected by the CVP. For endangered species it includes direct, and indirect, effects. Basically, the CVPCP is charged with addressing the level of these effects, and to share responsibility with other persons and agencies appropriate to the resource in question.

The conservation Program is charged with addressing the level of CVP impacts on an endangered species.

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Cost Effectiveness

This gauges the relative magnitude of benefits per dollar spent by the program. All other things being equal, a project with more "bang for the buck" will be favored over another with less benefits.

Immediacy

(degree of imminent threat)

This criterion is used to distinguish projects that have some factor which will imminently change the likelihood of recovery of an ecological value substantially, either beneficially or detrimentally. This includes such factors as buyers who are interested in converting habitat; the opportunity to establish a "seed" preserve in an area that has been identified as important to recovery; and management measures that offset threats that may extinguish a species, extirpate an important population, or result in large declines in numbers. This criterion can also be applied to the immediate threats facing a particular species, and poses the question: "Will a proposal protect a species from an imminent threat to its existence?"

3.7 Implementation/Evaluation of Specific Actions

Receipt of proposals will begin in October and end in March. Proposal evaluations, using the above criteria, will be completed by June and contracting vehicles (grants, cooperative agreements) will be put in place in order to implement the action. The success of each action, and of the Conservation Program as a whole, will be evaluated each year. Either the action or the Conservation Program may be modified based on the results of this annual evaluation.

3.8 Monitoring

A monitoring program will be developed for each specific project to provide information on the status and success of ongoing actions. This will assist the Technical Team in revising priorities for future activities.

3.9 Funding

Funding sources for specific actions may include the regular budgets of the Service and Reclamation Energy and Water Funds as well as the Restoration Fund established by the CVPIA. The Conservation Program will also seek outside sources of funding through other agencies and private foundations where the goals of the Conservation Program converge with the goals of the funding program.

3.10 Environmental Compliance

All actions selected for implementation will be reviewed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, ESA and other applicable environmental statutes, and the appropriate level of compliance documents will be completed.

4.0 Projects Funded to Date

A comprehensive list of projects funded to date is in Appendix B. Actual funding for the Conservation Program was initiated in 1999. Projects funded prior to that time were through the CVPIA Habitat Restoration Program [(b)(1) "other" Program].

5.0 Partnerships and Public Participation

The Service and Reclamation recognize that development and use of partnerships is a vital component of effective use of funds and staff toward meeting the goal of the Conservation Program. The Conservation Program will make every effort to implement specific programs in partnership with other involved agencies, organizations, and the public to maximize the use of available funds. These partnerships could take many forms, such as providing information or loans to other Federal, State, or local agencies involved in implementing actions to benefit listed species in the project area. Partnerships will be especially important where they can leverage the limited resources of the Conservation Program to address needs that would otherwise be unmet.

In addition to seeking partnerships for implementation of specific actions, the Conservation Program will promote public participation activities that will help shape effective management of the program. The objectives of the public involvement program are to:

- Effectively communicate the goals and objectives of the Conservation Program.
- Solicit public input on specific aspects of the Conservation Program, including key decision making steps.
- Clearly explain the issues and activities in the Conservation Program.
- Provide both general and technical information to interested groups and individuals.

The target audiences of the public participation program are diverse and include:

- Political/government interests
- Environmental interests
- Fisheries groups
- Wildlife organizations
- Agricultural interests
- Urban water users
- Business/community interests
- Water policy groups
- Native Americans
- Public interest groups
- ❖ General public
- Media
- Recreation interests
- Wildlife preserve neighbors



red-legged frog

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6.0 Program Structure

The CVP Conservation Program is implemented through an organizational structure as shown in figure 2. This structure includes a Program Manager, a Technical Team, and a Steering Committee.

The Program Manager administers the Conservation Program and makes the day-to-day decisions to ensure a smooth-running and cohesive program. In addition, the Program Manager is the focal point for all contact with the public. Finally, the Program Manager serves as the coordinator for the exchange of information among the Technical Team, the Steering Committee, other existing related programs both within and outside the Department, interested parties, the general public, and decision makers. The Program Manager is the only fulltime person associated with the program.

The Technical Team is made up of representatives of the Service, Reclamation, and CDFG. The Technical Team will have the primary responsibility of identifying near-term high-priority species, identifying specific actions to address the needs of these species, evaluating and ranking these actions, and providing technical input throughout the planning process. Additionally, the Technical Team will participate in establishing the program goals and objectives, provide planning and implementation activities for CVPCP actions, and establish a general monitoring protocol to determine program effectiveness. Membership in the Technical Team will be based on expertise in ecology and the needs of special status species and their habitats addressed by the Conservation Program, and expertise in addressing these needs.

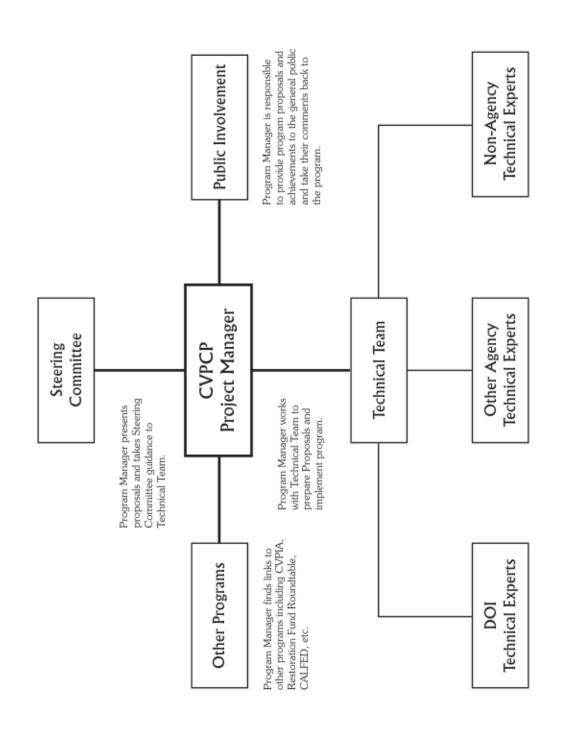
The Northern California Area Office, South-Central California Area Office, and Central California Area Office of Reclamation will each provide part-time staff on an annual basis to the Technical Team. The Service and CDFG will each provide one to three part-time staff to serve on the Technical Team.

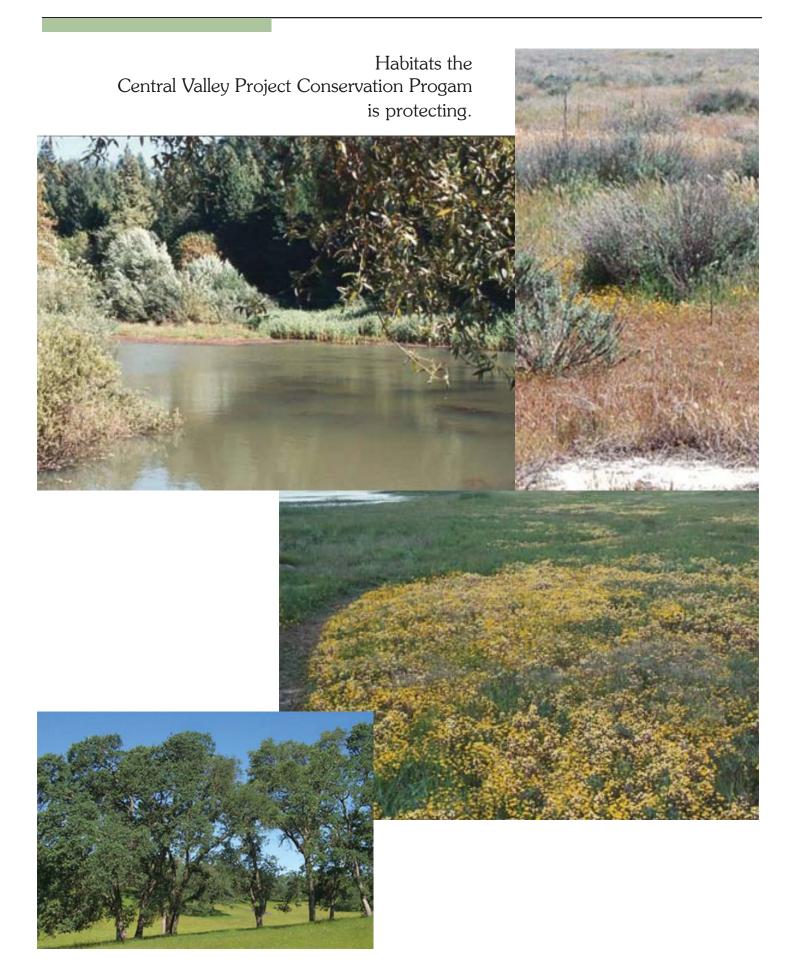
The Steering Committee will provide, when necessary, policy direction and guidance and will resolve management issues. The Steering Committee may assist with

- determining the goals and objectives of the long-term program
- (2) identifying priorities for the Conservation Program based on policy direction
- (3) identifying and resolving policy issues among the participating agencies
- (4) coordinating within their agencies to help streamline the Conservation Program and facilitate its implementation.

Members of the Steering Committee should serve as advocates for the Conservation Program within their respective agencies. The Steering Committee will be comprised of management or senior staff from Reclamation, the Service, and CDFG.

Central Valley Project Conservation Program (CVPCP) Figure 2





Conservation
Easement Purchase:
Fernwood Partners
Property

The Trust for Public Land /
The Shasta Land Trust

Project Summary

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the Shasta Land Trust (SLT), working as partners, propose to acquire a conservation easement to protect the landscape and natural resources of the 2,180 acre Fenwood Partners property, an undeveloped tract located along the Sacramento River approximately 14 miles southeast of the city of Redding in Shasta County. The Fenwood property runs for approximately $2^{1/2}$ miles along the left shore of the Sacramento River between Cow and Bear Creeks. TPL is currently negotiating an option to purchase a conservation easement and prepare an appraisal of the proposed conservation easement. TPL would subsequently acquire and convey title to SLT to manage and enforce the provisions of the conservation easement. TPL and SLT will solicit expertise from interested state and federal resource agencies as well as other private land conservation organizations in drafting an effective easement that will stand the test of time.

Project Description

Location

Located along the Sacramento River (*River Mile 278–280*), in an unincorporated portion of southern Shasta County, the property is about 3 miles east of the town of Anderson. Dersch Road runs along the northern edge of the property, and Parkville road runs along the eastern boundary. The property is easily accessed from Interstate 5 via Deschutes Road, and lies approximately 1 mile east of the intersection of Deschutes and Dersch Roads. The property is included on the *Balls Ferry* USGS 7½-minute quadrangle, in Sections 9, 16, and portions of Sections 8, 10, 15, 17 and 21, Township 30 North, Range 3 West, MDM. The vicinity map indicates the location of the property within the state.

Landscape

The property is bordered to the west by the Sacramento River, to the northwest by Cow Creek and by Bear Creek along the southeast. To the north, the property is bordered by the southern extent of the Millville Plains, which are flat to gently rolling grasslands. The property is in a transition zone between the grassland/woodland landscapes to the north and east, and the riparian floodplain and valley landscapes of the Central Valley, to the south and west. The vast and largely undisturbed state of the property makes it a rare representative of the habitat and natural diversity of such a transition zone.

Most of the Sacramento River frontage is steeply sloping with plateaus 80 to 100 feet above the river. There are a few benches and riparian areas along the River. One such area is known as China Garden and contains about 40 acres of rolling, alluvial soil and a gravel bar. The property includes the east shore of Cow Creek from its mouth upstream approximately a quarter mile, and borders Bear Creek from its mouth upstream approximately 1 mile. Dry Creek is a seasonal stream that bisects the property. The overall topography gently slopes southwesterly to the bank overlooking the Sacramento River with elevations ranging from about 340 feet to 570 feet above mean sea level. There are no structures or other improvements on the property. Site improvements are limited to interior and perimeter cross fencing. A Western Area Power Agency (WAPA) high voltage transmission line alignment bisects the property, crossing the Sacramento River at China Garden.

Plant communities, habitat and wildlife

The property has a diversity of plant communities, and provides a richness of habitat types. The location of the property in a transitional zone between foothill woodlands and riparian floodplain and the largely undisturbed state of the land combine for a unique variety of habitat types. The expansive oak woodlands, and their proximity to the River are prime territory for Ospreys, bald eagles, sharp shinned hawks, Cooper's hawks and other raptors. There is an abundance of mammal, bird, amphibian and reptile species that also use the oak woodland, including bobcats, mule deer, wild turkeys, western pond turtles and Pacific treefrogs. The riparian areas provide habitat for winter-run chinook salmon, bank swallows, river otters and a variety of species, several of which are special status species. Nearly 100 species of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals have been observed on the property, and there is the potential for an even greater number to occur.

There are six habitat types supported by the property, as identified by the Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WHR) classification system. These are described below and the locations of these communities on the property are presented in Figure 1.

Blue oak woodland is the dominant plant community, encompassing approximately 2,018 acres (92%) of the property. Most areas are relatively open savannahs with blue oak as the dominant tree species, and a predominantly herbaceous understory. Some areas have greater canopy cover, with a mixture of blue oak, interior live oak and gray pine, with shrub species like manzanita and coffeeberry. Although blue oak woodlands are considered a common plant community, large tracts of largely undisturbed oak woodlands are rare in California. Over a century of clearing oak woodlands for urbanization and agriculture have fragmented oak woodland habitat, and adversely affected regeneration. This unfragmented oak woodland provides a wide variety of habitat components. High densities of snags, downed woody material and other habitat components contribute to a diversity of wildlife species. Firewood harvests between 1988 and 1990 led to coppice sprouting of the oaks and also left behind slash piles, which have created additional shrub components to the habitat.

Over 100 mammal species and 110 bird species rely on such vast, intact tracts of oak woodland for a variety of trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs that provide a variety of food sources and habitat components, such as roosting, nesting and cover. The structural diversity and size of the oak woodlands on the property make it a valuable breeding habitat, and a place for great diversity of resident and migratory wildlife species. For a discussion on the special status species that occur on the property, see below.

Non-native grassland covers approximately 105 acres (4%) of the property. This plant community occupies the flat areas of the property, with poor drainage. Introduced annual grass species like soft brome and cultivated oat are dominant species. This plant community is interspersed with the blue oak woodland and northern hardpan vernal pools, and adds diversity to the mosaic of habitat types on the property. The blue oak woodland and non-native grasslands cover approximately 95% of the property. Ahart's paronychia (Paronychia ahartii) and silky cryptantha (Cryptantha crinita), both Category 2 candidate species for federal

listing, and California Native Plant Society (CNPS) list 1B (see table 1) plant species have been found on the property in the non-native grasslands and blue oak woodlands. Overall, there are nine special status plant species that actually or potentially occur in these two plant communities (see Figure 1 and Table 1).

Northern hardpan vernal pools are associated with the non-native grasslands and oak woodlands, and cover about 1 acre (<1%) of the property, in five separate locations. This is a wetland plant community that has been rapidly diminishing in the Central Valley due to agricultural conversion and urbanization, and is listed as a rare plant community by the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). These communities are composed mostly of native species that are endemic to vernal pools. There are seven special-status plant species that potentially occur in these vernal pools (see Table 1). Vernal pools are also associated with a variety of invertebrate species that are endemic to vernal pool habitat, such as the vernal pool fairy shrimp. No invertebrate surveys have been done on the property to establish which vernal pool species occur on the property.

Riparian vegetation communities are found along Cow, Bear and Dry Creeks, and are divided into three categories:

- a) Great Valley mixed riparian forest covers approximately 47 acres (2%) of the property, and is found mostly along China Garden and along Bear Creek, near the confluence of Dry Creek. Oregon ash, valley oak, box elder, California walnut and tree of heaven dominate in this community.
- b) Great Valley cottonwood riparian forest covers approximately 22 acres (1%) of the property, and is found in narrow corridors along the Sacramento River and China Garden. Fremont's cottonwood, willows and white alder are found in this community.
- c) Great Valley willow scrub community covers approximately 9 acres (<1%) of the property and occurs along Dry Creek. Willows dominate this community, with some Himalayan blackberry and blue elderberry.

Riparian plant communities are recognized by the CNDDB as rare plant communities. These are structurally and floristically complex communities that are rich in habitat and resources for a variety of species.

The Sacramento River and its adjacent riparian areas have been designated as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the threatened winter run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tsawytscha*). Bear and Cow creeks are known spawning streams for fall and late-fall run chinook salmon. Riparian areas also provide extremely valuable habitat for a large percentage of California's wildlife, and many of California's threatened and endangered species in particular. Riparian habitat in the state has been severely impacted by agriculture, urban development, and the damming of rivers, and alteration of riverine ecosystems.

The majority of special status wildlife sightings and nesting locations on the property occurred in riparian habitats. Approximately 190 elderberry shrubs

occur in riparian areas on the property on China Garden and at the confluence of Dry Creek and Bear Creek, which provide habitat for the Threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*). The locations of these elderberry shrubs is shown in Figure 3. Northwestern pond turtles (*Clemmys marmorata marmorata*), a candidate species for federal listing, have been found on the property along Dry Creek.

Riparian areas are also important migratory corridors for neotropical migrant bird species. Of the 81 bird species observed on the property, 48 species (59%) are neotropical migrants. This is a relatively high number for Shasta County, which has some 131 species of neotropical migrant bird species. The 48 species observed on the property represent nearly 37% of all neotropical migrant species found in the county. The riparian areas and the variety of other habitat types on the property encourage such a high occurrence of neotropical migrants.

Special Status Species

Thirteen wildlife species and two plant species observed on the property are considered Special Status species. Table 1 has a complete list of all Special Status plant species that were observed or might potentially occur on the property. Table 2 has a complete list of all Special Status wildlife species observed or potentially occurring on the property.

Two of the bird species observed on the property are protected under either the Federal or State Endangered Species Act. These species are the bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) and the willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii). Neither of these species have been observed nesting on the property, but there is a bald eagle nest near the property recorded in the CNDDB. The other eleven wildlife species observed on the property are either candidate species for federal listing or California species of special concern. All birds in the orders Falconiformes or Strigiformes are protected by California Fish and Game Code 3503.5, against any kind of take, possession, destruction of such birds, their nests or eggs. The property has nests of ospreys, sharp-shinned hawks, Cooper's hawks, red-shouldered hawks, and red-tailed hawks, and is a prime hunting ground for birds of prey.

One reptile species observed on the property, the northwestern pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata marmorata*), is protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act as a Category 2 candidate species.

There is one Special Status invertebrate species, which potentially occurs on the property. The valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*) is federally listed as a Threatened species, and there are over 190 elderberry shrubs on the property, which provide habitat for the beetle. No surveys have been conducted to establish whether the beetle actually occurs on the property, or investigate whether any of the elderberry shrubs have emergence holes, which would indicate the presence of the beetles.

There are twelve plant species with some sort of Special Status which actually or potentially occur on the property. Two of these species were observed on the property – Ahart's paronychia (*Paronychia ahartii*) and silky cryptantha

(*Cryptantha crinita*), both of which are category 2 Candidate Species for Federal listing as Threatened or Endangered, and are also listed as CNPS list 1B species.

Project Rationale and Benefits

Development Threats

The property has been subject to interest from numerous real estate developers from around the state, and a 1994 appraisal for the property described its highest and best use as "investment based upon continued agricultural use and speculation on future development of a rural residential subdivision." In fact, when the Fenwood Partners purchased the property in 1985, the intention was to develop the property into rural home sites or a planned community. In the early 1990s development plans were produced by Shasta Bear Properties, a real estate development firm. The intended result, the Eagle River Golf and Country Club, was a 2,200 acre planned community, over half the size of the city of Anderson. The plans offered approximately 1,000 homes with lots ranging from \(^1\)/4 acre to 10 acres, with a variety of residential options, such as condominiums, luxury townhouses and golf villas. The community also included a commercial center, a school, a research and development park, independent public service facilities, such as fire, police medical care, and transportation system, two world class golf courses covering over 250 acres, a tennis club, swimming center and club house by the Sacramento River, horseback riding and bicycling trails and other river recreation facilities.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) was prepared for the project, and it identified several concerns over the impacts of the project. These concerns included the loss of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River, Cow Creek and Dry Creek, permanent loss of vernal pools and seasonal wetland habitat, encroachment into the 100-year floodplain, loss of special status species and degradation of regional air and water quality. The Draft EIR also noted that there are two types of Class I and six types of Class II soils on approximately 443 acres of the property of prime agricultural importance. Most of these soils are found within the floodplains of Dry Creek and Sacramento River and at the mouth of Dry Creek. The California Department of Conservation expressed concerns over the loss of grazing lands to development.

The Eagle River proposal also prompted several concerns from a number of agencies and individuals familiar with the property. China Garden is a state and federally recognized significant riparian habitat resource, and the proposed development of golf courses, tennis courts, cottages and a clubhouse within this portion of the property prompted concerns from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CoE), California State Lands Commission (SLC), California Department of Conservation (CDC) and CNPS. China Garden provides habitat for several special status species, such as the valley elderberry longhorn beetle, winter-run chinook salmon and northwestern pond turtles. DFG was particularly concerned about development on the river bluffs along the Sacramento River, which would disturb and possibly erode the bluffs, affecting the bank swallows that nest in that area. DFG also noted its concern over plans to place golfing

fairways within stream channels. The golf courses would also require very intensive watering, fertilizing and pesticide spraying, which would pollute the property greatly. USFWS listed of 18 special status species that might occur on the property or in the vicinity that would be adversely affected by the development. SLC and CoE were concerned by possible encroachment into channels and the 100-year floodplain.

Project Benefits & Connectivity

A conservation easement will protect the property in perpetuity from the real and persistent threat of development. The proposed easement will protect the rich habitat values and incredible biodiversity of the property, without removing a large portion of land from the local tax base. Under the conservation easement, the use of the property for organic cattle ranching during the winter months will be continued. The conservation easement also allows great flexibility in this conservation effort. For example, the very sensitive riparian and seasonal wetland portions of the property may be protected to a greater extent, in order to shelter these fragile habitat types. The protection and conservation effort will be backed up the monitoring effort to ensure that the easement is effectively protecting the property's resources.

The Shasta Land Trust has identified the property as an ideal candidate for

its mission to protect land that has natural, recreational, scenic, historic, or productive value. In addition to enforcing and monitoring the protection of existing natural resources, the conservation easement as envisioned will allow SLT to carry out habitat restoration activities on the basis of available funding and in-kind project support in partnership with interested resource agencies and other resource conservation organizations. The conservation easement would also provide unique natural resource education opportunities through guided site visits by local school and community groups, particularly SLT may also pursue some native plant restoration activities, and will seek the participation of the local chapter of CNPS.

This conservation effort serves as an excellent linkage between a number of current priority conservation efforts in the upper Sacramento valley. BLM has two focus areas, the Sacramento River/Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern and the Clear Creek/Sacramento River Island Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This conservation effort aims to protect nearly 60 miles of contiguous riparian/stream habitat between Redding and Red Bluff, with a target of \$13 million to acquire and protect nearly 16,000 acres of land in this area. There have been numerous partners and supporters of this effort. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation made a \$3.7 million grant to the Sacramento Tributaries and River (STAR) proposal, submitted jointly by BLM and TPL, to support this conservation effort. The American Land Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy and CALFED have also contributed to this expansive conservation program on the Sacramento River. The Fenwood Partners property lies in a critical zone between the Clear Creek ACEC and the Sacramento River Bend Area ACEC, and will serve as a link between the two areas. Other conservation efforts in this area include DFG's Battle Creek Wildlife Area and Cottonwood Creek conservation efforts.

The project as envisioned follows the guiding principles of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Program (SB 1086), which include employing an ecosystem approach, addressing flood control issues and bank stabilization opportunities, voluntary participation by private landowners, full consideration to landowner, public and local government concerns, and opportunities for developing resource management information and educational outreach.

Lastly, the proposed project is also intended to encourage a sustainable working landscape through protecting intact a large, economically viable grazing unit. The conservation easement as envisioned will take great care in specifying appropriate livestock grazing practices and controls to ensure compatibility with natural resource protection goals, while also providing a degree of flexibility to accommodate changing markets and best management practices for grazing and animal husbandry.

Project Relationship to the Central Valley Project (CVP)

The project site is located within the Redding metropolitan area near the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District and other local CVP service areas. The surrounding land includes mostly large farm properties, such as orchards, grazing tracts and irrigated land, many of which rely on water provided by the Central Valley Project. There is a remarkable contrast between the Fenwood Partners property and all neighboring properties, which are converted to irrigated grazing and agricultural lands. Irrigated agriculture and the establishment of farming operations within the floodplains of many Central Valley rivers has been one of the leading causes for the loss of riparian and upland habitats in the Valley. The development of large dam projects and water management systems on California's major rivers also heavily impacted riparian habitat, by modifying channels, converting wetlands and reducing flows. The Fenwood Partners property is a rare example of a landscape-scale mosaic of diverse Central Valley plant communities, particularly in such close proximity to a major metropolitan area.

The Eagle River development was proposed during a period of rapid state and local economic growth during the late 1980s and early 1990s. The property continues to be threatened by development. The periphery of the greater Redding area has seen many rural residential subdivisions since the late 1980s, and the riverfront property is ideally located within the development corridor along Interstate 5 between Redding and Cottonwood. The areas north of the property are subject to increasing amounts of rural homesite development, varying from 5 to 20 acres, which has fragmented some of these large tracts. Most of the land to the south and east of the property is still intact in large tracts. The fact that the 1994 appraisal concludes that the highest and best use of the property is an eventual conversion to rural home sites suggests that the development of the property is something of an inevitability.

Project Cost

The cost to acquire a conservation easement has been estimated pending the drafting of the conservation easement deed itself and preparation of an appraisal to determine fair market value. An independent appraisal will be commissioned once a complete conservation easement deed acceptable to all parties has been

drafted. The appraisal will be made available to all funding partners for inspectin and approval.

In the absence of a current appraisal, a previous appraisal of the property together with general observations by appraisers familiar with estimating conservation easement values are helpful here. An appraisal of the property was commissioned by Fenwood Partners and completed in October 1994 by Robert H. Shaw, MAI. Shaw concluded the fee value of the property to be \$2,180,000, or \$1,000 per acre. The highest and best use concluded by Shaw was "investment based upon continued agricultural use and speculation on future development of a rural residential subdivision." An informal survey of appraisers active in the area confirms that overall property values have steadily climbed in the six years hence.

Conservation easements have appraised at anywhere from 20% to 80% of the fee value, depending on how restrictive the easement is to current use and its impact on the highest and best use of the property. Conservation easements on rangeland have hovered around 50% of the fee value. The value of a conservation easement on the Fenwood Partners property in proportion to the fee value will likely be greater than the average for rangeland conservation easements if a new appraisal concurs with Shaw's conclusion of highest and best use. Put simply, the property is in the path of development and appears uniquely suited for large-scale, rural residential development.

Taking the foregoing into consideration, the project team has chosen a \$1.5 million acquisition funding goal pending an appraisal of the proposed conservation easement. This funding goal is equal to approximately 70% of the October 1994 fee value estimated by Shaw, and presumably a smaller percentage of the current fee value (50% to 70%).

Amount Requested / Funding Sources

This project proposal requests **\$1 million** from the CVP Conservation Program (CVPCP) and/or CVPIA Habitat Restoration Program (HRP), equal to 2/3 of the \$1.5 million acquisition funding goal. Concurrently with this proposal, the project team is applying for \$500,000 in matching funds from the State Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP). Additional potential matching funds include the State Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12), the Conservation Lands Program through the Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities Program (TEA-21 CLP), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Pacific Grassroots Salmon Initiative, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (CALFED), and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation Conserving California Landscapes Initiative (Packard).

The project team will also pursue the start-up funding necessary to establish a grazing system that is optimally compatible with the conservation easement objectives. Potential sources of these funds include the Natural Resource Conservation Service *Environmental Quality Incentive Program* (EQIP) and CALFED.

Project Completion Schedule

The table below summarizes the project scope of work and anticipated dates for completion of tasks. Under written agreement, Fenwood Partners will hold the property off the market for an initial 120-day period during which they will cooperate with TPL and SLT in drafting an acceptable conservation easement deed (first 60 days) and obtaining an appraisal (second 60 days). TPL will commission the appraisal. This initial four-month period commenced October 5, 2000 and will conclude February 1, 2001. On or before February 1, and subject to approval of the appraisal by all parties, Fenwood Partners and TPL will enter into an option agreement for TPL's purchase of the conservation easement. Both parties have already signed a Letter of Intent confirming the business terms of the proposed option agreement.

Project Scope of Work

- **Task 1:** Complete Conservation Easement Deed (12/1/00)
 - 1.1. TPL, SLT and landowner representatives draft the conservation easement deed.
 - 1.2. Peer review of conservation easement deed.
 - 1.3. Conservation Easement deed brought to final form.
- **Task 2:** Complete Appraisal (1/15/01)
 - 2.1. Contract for appraisal.
 - 2.2. Appraisal report reviewed by TPL, SLT, project funders and landowner.
 - 2.3. Negotiate final purchase agreement based on approved appraisal.
- **Task 3:** Acquisition and conveyance (between March to August 2001, depending on funding)
 - 3.1. Conduct due diligence on condition of title and environmental hazards.
 - 3.2. Prepare Present Conditions Report.
 - 3.3. Pull together complete funding package.
 - 3.4. TPL acquires and conveys conservation easement to SLT.

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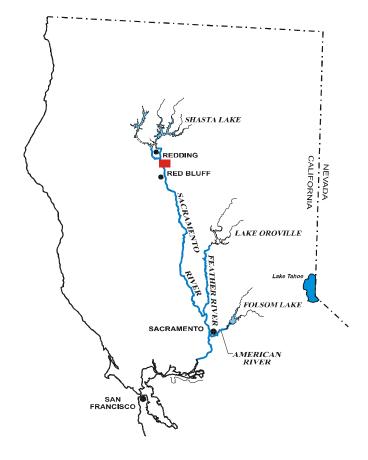
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Information and References Used

All wildlife and plant survey information used in this proposal is based on the 1992 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Eagle River Development, 1994 surveys and reports on the biological characterization of the Fenwood Partners property by Northstate Resources, Inc., botanical surveys conducted for PG&E by Dean Taylor, and correspondence with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

VICINITY MAP



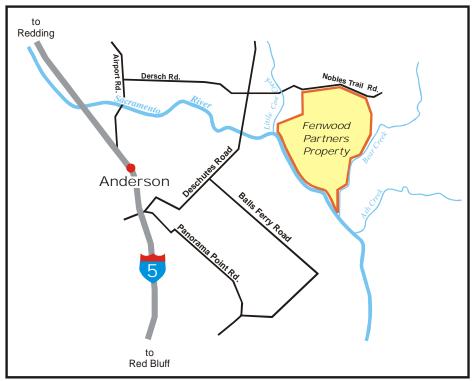


TABLE 1: List of Special Status Plants Observed/Potentially Occurring on Fenwood Partners Property, Shasta County, California

Common Name	Scientific Name	Habitat Types ¹	Federal/State/CNPS Status ²	Occurs/ Potential
Henderson's bent grass	Agrostis hendersonii	NnGr, VPI	C2/-/3	Potential
Shasta clarkia	Carkia borealis ssp.auda	BOWo	C2 / - / 1B	Potential
Silky cryptantha	Cryptantha crinita	BOWo, NnGr	C2 / - / 1B	Occurs
Butte county fritillary	Fritillaria eastwoodiae	BOWo	C2/-/1B	Potential
Boggs Lake hedge- hyssop	Gratiola heterosepala	VPI	C3 / SE / 1B	Potential
Red Bluff dwarf rush	Juncus leiospermus var. leiospermus	BOWo, VPI	-/-/1B	Potential
Legenere	Legenere limosa	VPI	C2/-/1B	Potential
Bellinger's meadowfoam	Limnanthes flocossa ssp. bellingeriana	BOWo, VPI	C2 / - / 1B	Potential
Wolly meadowfoam	Linmanthes focossa ssp. flocossa	BOWo, VPI	-/-/2	Potential
Slender orcutt grass	Orcuttia tenuis	VPI	T / SE /1B	Potential
Ahart's paronychia	Paronycia ahartii	NnGr	C2 / - / 1B	Occurs
Thread-leaved breadtongue	Penstemon filiformis	BOWo	C2 / - / 1B	Potential

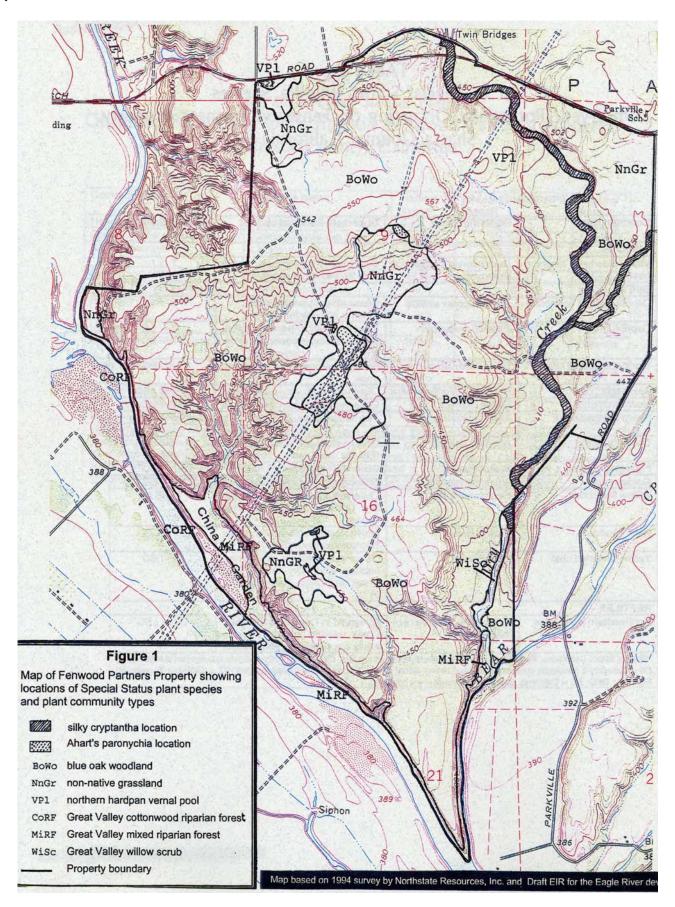
Habitat Types: BOWo = Blue oak woodland; NnGr = Non-native grassland; VPI = Northern hardpan vernal pool (see Figure 1)

^{&#}x27;Special Status Definitions: Federal: T = Federally listed threatened species; C2 = Category 2 candidate species for Federal listing; C3 = Category 3 candidate species for Federal listing. State: SE = California Endangered Species. CNPS (California Native Plant Society): List 1B = (CNPS listing) plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere; List 2 = plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere; List 3 = CNPS review list. (-) = not listed

TABLE 2: List of Special Status Wildlife Species Observed/ Potentially Occurring on Fenwood Partners Property, Shasta County, California

		Observed/ Potential Habitat	Federal/State/DFG Status ¹		
INSECTS		-			
Valley elderberry longhorn beetle	Desmocerus californicus dimorphus	Could occur in elderberry plants (Fig. 2). No survey done.	T/-/-		
BIRDS					
Double-crested cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	Observed in riparian habitat, which is suitable for roosting.	-/-/SC		
Osprey	orey Pandion haliaetus Observed in riparian habitat. Occupied nest in power line tower (Fig. 2)				
Black-shouldered kite	Elanus caeruleus	Extremely uncommon, observed once	-/-/SC		
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Observed once. No nesting sites	T/SE/SC		
Northern harrier	Circus cyaneus	Observed once. No nesting sites	-/-/SC		
Sharp-shinned hawk	Accipiter striatus	Two nesting sites, Dry Creek (Fig. 2)	-/-/SC		
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	One nesting site, China Garden (Fig. 2)	-/-/SC		
Ferruginous hawk	Buteo regalis	Observed in grassland habitat	-/-/SC		
Golden eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	Observed in grassland habitat	-/-/SC		
Willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	Observed once in riparian habitat, Dry Creek. No nesting sites known	-/SE/-		
Bank swallow	Riparia riparia	Active nesting colonies along the Sacramento River (Fig. 2)	-/ST/-		
Yellow-breasted chat	Icteria virens	Observed, nests in riparian habitats along Dry Creek, Bear Creek and China Gardens. (Fig. 2)	-/-/SC		
REPTILES					
Northwestern pond turtle	Clemmys marmorata marmorate	Observed in Dry Creek and Bear Creek, wetland habitats. Riparian areas are suitable nesting habitat	C2/-/SC		

Special Status Definitions: Federal: T = Federally listed threatened species; C2 = Category 2 candidate species for Federal listing; C3 = Category 3 candidate species for Federal listing, State: SE = California Endangered Species; ST = California Threatened Species. DFG: SC = California Species of Concern. (-) = not listed.



Appendix B

Central Valley Project Conservation Program

Projects Funded to Date

CVPCP and HRP Funded Projects

YR	Project	County	Total Cost	Lead	USBR	FWS	Acres	Habi- tat Type	Focus Species	Action	Partners
96	Valensin Ranch	Sacramento	10,750,000	FWS		1,250,0001	4,356 (580 Fee Title, 180 Conservation Easement)	GL HW RI VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	ACQ RS	TNC, NAWC, BDCP, CDPR, CWCB, CalTrans, FHA, NFWF DFG, NRCS, AFT, CUWA
97	Buena Vista Lake Shrew	Tulare		USBR	53,500 ¹				BVLS	SUR	ESRP, CDFG
97	California Red-Legged Frog	Sierra	37,500	FWS		37,500 ¹			CRLF	SUR RS	
97	Doyens Dune Weevil	Kings		USBR	10,000 ¹				DDW	SUR	ESRP, CalTrans
97	Giant Garter Snake	Colusa	486,500	FWS		$201,500^{1} 200,000^{1} 5,000^{1}$	450	WL UP	GGS	RS SUR SU	DU, CWA, SCI, SacNWRC, USGS-BRD (50,000)
97	Jensen Ranch	Fresno	5,273,250	USBR	3,168,250 ¹ 200,000 ¹		167	RI	VELB	ACQ RS	FWUA, CTC, WCB (200,000), SJRC, TPL, SJRPCT, CalTrans (1,700,000)
97	Keck's Checkerbloom & Vasek's clarkia	Kings	22,000	USBR	22,000 ¹				KC VC	SUR	SFC, ESRP, BLM
97	Large Flowered Fiddleneck (Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Lab)	Contra Costa Alameda	158,500	FWS		73,500 ¹	50'x50' Native Site 100'x100' Exp Site		LFF	MON RS	DOE
97	Livermore Hydrology Study (Palmate-bracted birds beak)	Alameda	80,000	USBR	50,000 ¹		•	AKS	PBBB	RES SU	City of Livemore, Alameda County
97	Pine Hill Ecological Reserve Gabbroic Northern Mixed Chaparral	El Dorado	4,500,000 (13,220,000 for entire Reserve System)	FWS		1,007,800 ¹ 500,000 ¹	180 acres (5,000 acre Cameron Park)	CH HW	LB PHC PHF SMG	ACQ	DFG,EID, ELDCounty, NFWF, BLM, CalTran, ARC (2,286,000)
97	Riparian Brush Rabbit/ Riparian Wood Rat	San Joaquin Valley		USBR	85,000 ¹ 30,000 ¹		258	HW RI	RBR RWR	SUR RS	DFG, ESRP, CDPR, CDF, Ripon Fire Dept
97	Sacramento River Modeling	Glenn Colusa	40,614	FWS		40,6141				SU	
97	San Joaquin Kangaroo Rat	Kings		USBR	10,000 ¹				SJKR	SUR	CDFG

YR	Project	County	Total Cost	Lead	USBR	FWS	Acres	Habi- tat Type	Focus Species	Action	Partners
98	Allensworth Ecological Reserve	Tulare Kern	On-going	USBR	160,000 ¹		~200 ~200	AKS VP	SJKF BNLL SJKR	ACQ	DFG, WCB
98	Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve	Kern	3,500	USBR	3,500 ¹		1,200			SU	
98	Fresno Kangaroo Rat Lemoore Naval Air Station	Kings	20,000	USBR	20,000¹				FKR	SUR	DOD, BLM, ESRP
98	Howard Ranch	Sacramento	14,300,000	FWS		101,500 ¹	13,000	VP WL HW GL	VPFS VPTS CTS	ACQ	SWRCB, Packard, WCB (100,000), TNC(1,900,000)
98	Livermore Palmate-bracted Birds Beak	Alameda	1,270	USBR	1,270 ¹			AKS	PBBB	SU	
98	Retrospective Habitat Trend Analysis (GIS)	CVP-Wide	83,000	FWS		25,000 ²				RES	California State University Chico
98	Spivey Pond Red-Legged Frog	El Dorado	310,000 (purchase price) 379,269 (acq. & restore)	USBR	100,000 ¹ 50,000 ⁴ 31,000 ³		54	RI CF WL	CRLF	ACQ RS	NFWF (49,000), WCB, ARC,USFS BLM, ELDCounty, EID, DFG
98	Springtown Alkali Sink Unit (Livermore)	Alameda	On-going	USBR	70,000 ¹		Unknown	AKS		ACQ	City of Livermore (1,000,000)
98	Wells Fargo (Simon-Newman & Romero Ranches)	Stanislaus Santa Clara Merced	19,100,000	USBR	1,300,000 ²		61,043 SN=32,997 R = 28,046	RI GL HW	SJKF VELB	CE	TNC, DWR, WCB, NFWI (17,800,000)
99	Allensworth Ecological Reserve	Tulare Kern	on-going	USBR	150,000 ³			AKS VP	SJKF BNLL SJKR	ACQ	DFG, WCB
99	Denny Ranch/Inks Creek	Tehama	1,460,074	USBR	480,000 ³		13,000	VP RI HW GL	VPFS VPTS CTS	СЕ	NFWF, Packard, TNC
99	Effie Yeaw Endangered Species Exhibit	Sacramento	60,000	USBR	$10,000^2 \\ 5,000^3$					D&D	ARNHA
99	Herbert Ranch	Tulare	1,250,000	USBR	$ \begin{array}{c} 400,000^{2} \\ 10,000^{4} \\ 30,000^{3} \end{array} $		725	VP GL	CTS VPFS VPTS	ACQ	FCLT, WCB (215,000), Packard (625,000) EPA, WDP
99	Howard Ranch	Sacramento	14,300,000	FWS		198,500 ²	13,000	VP WL HW	CTS VPFS VPTS	ACQ	SWRCB, Packard, WCB, TNC

YR	Project	County	Total Cost	Lead	USBR	FWS	Acres	Habi- tat Type	Focus Species	Action	Partners
								GL			
99	King's River Ranch– Tivy Mtn Keck's Checkerbloom	Fresno	74,500	USBR	$72,000^3$		40	GL	KC	ACQ	SFC
99	Knapton-Sheilds –Tivy Mtn Keck's Checkerbloom	Fresno	103,402.88	USBR	103,402.88 ³		40	GL	KC	ACQ	SFC
99	Large-flowered fiddleneck	Contra Costa Alameda		USBR	25,000 ³			GL	LFF	MON RS	DOE
99	Nickell Property Sand Ridge	Tulare	1,430,220	USBR	173,000 ²		455	AKS GL	SJKF BNLL	ACQ	BLM, LRP
99	Retrospective Habitat Trend Analysis (GIS)	CVP-Wide	83,000	FWS		54,000 ²				RES	California State University Chico
99	Riparian Brush Rabbit	Stanislaus	358,000	USBR	82,000 ² 276,000 ³			HW RI	RBR	SUR MGT CST	CDFG, DWR, CDPR
99	Sacramento River Modeling (Transferred to Allensworth Fy00)		40,000	FWS		49,932 ²		RI		MOD	CDFG
99	Silva Property Vernal Pools (Sacramento Valley Open Space Conservancy)	Sacramento	800,000	FWS		400,000 ²	80 (160 total, 80 mitigation bank)	VP	VPFS VPTS	ACQ	Packard (300,000) Sac County (90,000) Great Valley Ctr (10,000)
99	Simon-Newman & Romero Ranches (Wells Fargo)	Stanislaus Santa Clara Merced	19,100,000	USBR	500,000 ³		61,043 SN=32,997 R = 28,046	RI GL HW	SJKF VELB	CE	TNC, DWR, WCB, NFWF (17,800,000)
99	Spivey Pond Red-Legged Frog	El Dorado	1,505,000 not fully funded	USBR	8,205 ²		54	RI DF RH	CRLF	ACQ RS	NFWF (49,000), WCB, ARC,USFS BLM, ELDCounty, EID, CDFG
99	Stillwater Ecological Reserve	Shasta		USBR	$310,000^3$			VP	VPFS	ACQ	WCB, CDFG
99	Vernal Pool Poster	CVP-wide	15,000	USBR	5,000 ³	$2,000^2$		GL	VPTS	D&P	SCCAO
00	Allensworth	Tulare Kern	on-going	USBR	200,000 ³	49,932 ²		AKS GL	SJKF BNLL SJKR	ACQ	CDFG, WCB
00	Folsom O & M Manual	Sacramento El Dorado Placer Stanislaus		USBR	15,000 ³					D & D	
00	Foor Ranch	Tehama	~2,500,000	USBR	450,000 ³		10,000	VP GL	VPFS VPTS	CE	TNC
00	Furey Ranch	Merced		USBR	$350,000^3$		391	VP	VPFS	CE	TNC, MCFOST,

YR	Project	County	Total Cost	Lead	USBR	FWS	Acres	Habi- tat Type	Focus Species	Action	Partners
							(250 ac. GL/VP med-hi density)	GL	VPTS		Great Valley Center
00	George Dairy	Sacramento		USBR	360,000 ³		109.82	WL	GGS	CE RS	TNC, CDFG
00	Giant Garter Snake Census	Colusa	38,000	FWS		38,000 ²		WL	GGS	SUR	Sacramento NWR
00	Herbert Ranch	Tulare	1,250,000	USBR	125,000 ²		725	VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	ACQ	FCLT, WCB (215,000), Packard (625,000) EPA, WDP
00	Hunt Property – Tivy Mtn Keck's Checkerbloom	Fresno	38,000	USBR	38,000 ³		40	GL	KC	CE	
00	DeLeon Property –Tivy Mtn Keck's Checkerbloom	Fresno	100,000	USBR	100,000 ³		50	GL	KC	ACQ	SFC
00	Llano Seco Riparian Restoration	Colusa	400,000	FWS		150,000 ²	206	GL WL	VELB YBC	RS	
00	Pine Hill Preserve	El Dorado		USBR	750,000 ²		90	UP CH	LB PHC PHF SMG	ACQ	
00	Retrospective Habitat Trend Analysis (GIS)	CVP-wide	83,000	FWS		4,000 ²				SU	California State University, Chico
00	Riparian brush rabbit genetic study	Stanislaus	92,257	USBR	92,257 ²			HW RI	RBR	SU SUR	
00	Riparian brush rabbit pen construction	Stanislaus	167,500	USBR	$126,000^3 41,500^2$				RBR	D&D	
00	Riparian brush rabbit Christman Island Refugia (move fill)	Stanislaus	101,000	USBR	101,000 ³			RI	RBR	RS	
00	Schneider	Sacramento	400,000	USBR	292,000 ² 108,000 ³		1,136 total	VP GL	VPFS VPTS CTS	CE	TNC, WCB
00	Southam Property	Colusa	on-going	USBR	300,000 ³		73	RI	VELB	RS	TNC
00	Stone Corral Ecological Reserve	Tulare	405,780	USBR	200,0003 100,0002 100,0003		96	VP UP	VPFS VPTS CTS	ACQ	WCB, CDFG
00	Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge - Samra Property	Sacramento	1,982,470	FWS		939,698 ²	100	Vine-yard	GGS	ACQ	Packard (693,500) NFWF (201,050) City of Sacramento
01	Fenwood Property	Shasta	1,500,000	USBR	300,000 ³ 300,000 ²		2,160	RI	VELB	RS	TPL, Shasta Land Conservancy, EPA, NRCS, CalTrans, NFWF

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01	Carter Property – Tivy Mtn Keck's checkerbloom	Fresno	62,500	USBR	62,500 ³		40	GL	KC	ACQ	SFC
01	Mount Hamilton Fencing	Merced	375,000	USBR	175,000 ³			RI	VELB	RS	TNC, FWS, Grove Foundationn Lemmox Foundation
01	Cunningham Ranch	Merced	1,800,000	USBR	480,000 ³		3,800	GL VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	CE	TNC, CRT, WCB,
01	Pine Hills Ecological Reserve	El Dorado	896,000	USBR	250,000 ³		49	СН	LB PHC PHF SMG	ACQ	ARC, BLM
01	Riparian Woodrat	Stanislaus	89,654	USBR	89,654 ³			RI	RWR	SU	ESRP
01	Farmington Property	San Joaquin	On-going	USBR	$325,000^3$ $300,000^2$		960	GL VP	N/A	CE	SJCOG, Inc.
01	Giant Garter Snake Monitoring	Colusa		FWS		$67,570^2$		WL	GGS	SU	USGS
01	GIS Habitat Trend Analysis	CVP-wide		FWS		14,656 ²				SU	Chico State Univ.
01	Herbert Ranch Management Plan and Restoration	Tulare	25,000	USBR	25,000 ²		100	GL VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	MGT RS	SLTLT NRCS
01	Llano Seco Restoration	Colusa	158,721	FWS		158,721 ²	206 (see '00 project)	RI	VELB	RS	Sac River Partners
01	Beach 47 Property – Tivy Mtn Keck's checkerbloom	Fresno	122,000	USBR	122,000 ³		57	GL	KC	ACQ	SFC
01	Ben Brown Ranch	Sacramento	406,800	USBR	20,000 ² 10,000 ⁴		370	GL VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	CE	TNC, private funding
01	Allensworth Ecological Reserve Fencing materials	Tulare Kern	12,000	USBR	12,000 ³			AKS	SJKF BNLL SJKR	MGT	CDFG
01	Riparian Brush Rabbit	Stanislaus		USBR	$23,000^3$			RI	RBR	MGT	ESRP
01	Sac River Properties Boeger (150k) and Ward	Colusa		FWS		345,220 ²	129 (B) 238 (W)	RI	VELB YBC	ACQ	TNC
02	Bakersfield Cactus	Kern		USBR	\$16,985 ³			AKS	BC	MGT	ESRP
02	Ben Brown Ranch	Sacramento	\$406,800	USBR	\$70,000 ³		370 (see '01 project)	GL VP	VPFS VPTS CTS	ACQ	TNC, Private
02	Butte Co. Vernal Pools – Schmidbauer Property	Butte		FWS	\$325,000 ³	\$161,000 ²	264	GL VP	BCM VPFS VPTS	ACQ	Nor Cal Reg. Land Trust
02	Chico Landing	Butte		USBR	\$256,917 ³		161	RI	VELB	RES	TNC
02	Cowell Ranch	Contra Costa	13,500,000	USBR	\$495,000 ³		3,650	GL VP	SJKF CRLF	ACQ	TPL, CDPR, California Coastal Conservancy, WCB

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								RI			
02	Deer Creek Hills	Sacramento		USBR	\$250,000 ³ \$200,000 ²		2,054	GL HW	VELB	ACQ	SVOSC, WCB, CalTrans, Sac Co. Regional Parks, CalFed
02	Farmington Property (not from 2002 budget)	San Joaquin	On-going	USBR	175,000 ³		960 (same as FY01 acres)	GL VP	N/A	ACQ	SJCOG, Inc.
02	Giant Garter Snake - Grasslands Water District	Merced		FWS		\$157,760 ²		WET	GGS	SU	GWD
02	Giant Garter Snake – San Luis NWR (Grasslands)	Merced		FWS		\$53,200 ²		WET	GGS	SU	FWS
02	Giant Garter Snake – Colusa NWR	Colusa		FWS		\$38,060 ²		WET	GGS	MON	USGS
02	GIS Habitat Trend Analysis	Cent. Valley		FWS		\$20,000 ²				SU	CSU Chico
02	Kit Fox Grazing Study	Kern		USBR	$$60,000^3$			GL	SJKF	SU	ESRP, USGS, CalTrans
02	Large-Flowered Fiddleneck – Habitat Suitability Study	San Joaquin		USBR	\$40,000 ³ \$25,000 ³			GL	LFF	SU	DOE
02	Llano Seco	Colusa	\$74,995	FWS		\$74,995 ²	Maintenance	RI	VELB YBC	RS	Sac River Partners
02	Pine Hills Ecological Reserve	El Dorado	\$1,044,000	FWS	\$400,000 ²		157	СН	LB PHC PHF SMG	ACQ	ARC
02	Riparian Brush Rabbit – Captive Reproduction	Stanislaus		USBR	\$ 53,000 ³ \$218,000 ²			RI	RBR	RS	ESRP
02	Riparian Brush Rabbit – Caswell	Stanislaus		USBR	\$155,320 ³			RI	RBR	RS	CDPR
02	Sun River Wetland Restoration	Sacramento	\$2 million +	USBR	\$285,000 ³		537	WET UP	GGS	RS	WCB, CWA
02	Toledo Basin – Tricolored Blackbirds	Tulare		USBR	\$28,000 ³		40	WET	TCB	MGT	LTRID, WDP, CDFG, FWS
03	Zee Enterprises	El Dorado		USBR	\$450,000 ³		229	CH HW	LB PHC PHF SMG	ACQ	EID, WCB, Private
03	Seed Collection-Endemic Gabbro Soil Plants	El Dorado		USBR	\$25,000 ³			СН	LB PHC PHF SMG	PROP	
03	Wong Property	Sacramento		USBR	\$378,000 ³		146		GGS VPFS VPTS		
03	Pine Creek Restoration	Butte		USBR	\$100,000 ³	†	65	RI	LB	RES	

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									PHC PHF SMG		
03	Riparian Brush Rabbit – Captive Breeding and Reintroduction - 2004	Stanislaus		USBR	\$400,000 ³			RI	RBR	PROP	
03	Effects of grazing on at-risk species in the San Joaquin Valley	Kern		USBR	\$45,000 ³ \$45,000 ³			GL	SJKF BNLL SJKR		
03	Southam Restoration	Glenn		USBR	\$192,609 ³		65	RI	VELB	RS	
03	Effie Yeaw Nature Center Wetlands Exhibit	Sacramento		USBR	\$2,833 ³			WL		EX	
03	Endangered Species Conservation Opportunities in the Central Valley Conference	Valley Wide		FWS		~\$10,000 ²				CONF	
03	Giant Garter Snake Surveys (Colusa NWR)	Colusa		FWS		\$70,900 ²		RI WL	GGS	SUR	
03	Giant Garter Snake Surveys Cottonwood Creek	Tehama Butte		FWS		\$40,000 ²		RI WL	GGS	SUR	
03	Giant Garter Snake Surveys San Luis NWR	Merced		FWS		\$45,000		RI WL	GGS	SUR	
03	Southern Water Snake Surveys	Sacramento El Dorado Placer		FWS		\$70,000 ²		RI WL	GGS	SUR	
03	Forster Property	San Joaquin		FWS	\$179,585 ² \$ 80,000 ³	\$294,000 ²	2,865	VP GL	VPFS VPTS CTS	CE	WCB, Packard, TNC, FWS
03	Riparian Brush Rabbit	Stanislaus		USBR	\$230,000 ²			RI	RBR	SU SUR	CDFG, FWS, CALFED
03	Palmate-bracted birds beak demographic monitoring	Fresno Alkali Sink ER		USBR	\$50,000 ² \$46,000 ²			AKS	PBBB	SU SUR	
03	Pond Construction for Red- legged Frog	El Dorado		USBR	\$130,000 ²			WL CF RI	CRLF	CST	BLM
03	Buena Vista Lake Shrew Surveys and genetics	Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno		USBR	\$52,800 ²			RI WL UP	BVLS	SU SUR	SCAO
04	Bron Conservation Easement	Fresno	_	USBR	\$48,000 ³		20	GL	KC	CE	SFC
04	Ansin Property	Kern		USBR	\$460,000 ³ \$372,000 ²	\$169,000 ²	5,810	AKS GL VP	SJKF BNLL	ACQ	BLM, TNC
04	Bayou Vista Property	Tulare	<u> </u>	USBR	\$456,000 ³		515	AKS	SJKF	ACQ	SRT, USFWS

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								GL	TKR		
04	Coyote/Kit Fox Grazing Study	Kern		USBR	\$44,409 ³			AKS GL	SJKF	SU	ESRP, USGS, CalTrans
04	Kit Fox Reintro Study			USBR	\$76,012 ³			GL	SJKF	SU	
04	Pine Hills Preserve Manager	El Dorado		USBR	\$100,000 ³			СН	LB PHC PHF SMG	MGT	ED County, EDWD
04	Giant Garter Snake Surveys San Luis NWR	Merced		FWS		\$237,879 ²		RI WL	GGS	SUR	USFWS, CDFG
04	Giant Garter Snake Surveys (Colusa NWR)	Colusa		FWS		\$88,619 ²		RI WL	GGS	SUR	USFWS
04	Adaptive Veg Mgmt. on Serpentine soils	Santa Clara		FWS		\$32,300 ²		GL (serp)	ВСВ	SU	
04	Ohm Unit Restoration	Tehama		USBR	$$62,500^2$		206	RI	VELB	RS	USFWS
04	Drumheller Unit Restoration	Glenn		USBR	$$325,000^2$		226	RI	VELB	RS	USFWS
04	Fine Gold Creek Property	Madera		USBR	\$350,000 ²		708	RI HW	VELB	ACQ	CDFG, PG&E WCB
04	Joint Venture Web Page			USBR	\$31,000 ²					D&D	CVJV

Funding Program

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⁴ Wetlands Program

Partners

AFT- American Farmlands Trust

ARC - American River Conservancy

ARNHA-American River Natural History Association

BDCP-Bay-Delta California Program

BLM-Bureau of Land Management

BOR-Reclamation

CalTrans- California Transportation Department

CDFG-California Department Fish and Game

CDPR-California Department of Parks and Recreation

CF-Conservation Fund (Herbert)

CRT - California Rangeland Trust

CTC- California Transporation Commission

CUWA-California Urban Water Agencies

CWA - California Waterfowl Association

CVJV-Central Valley Joint Venture

CWCB-California Water Conservatin Board

AKS-Alkalai Sink CF- Coniferous Forest

CH- Chapparral

BCB-Bay Checkerspot Butterfly

BC-Bakersfield Cactus

BCM-Butte Co. Meadowfoam

BNLL-Blunt nosed Leopard Lizard

BVLS-Buena Vista Lake Shrew

CRLF-California red-legged frog

CTS-California Tiger Salamander

DDW-Doyen's Dun Weevil EDB-El Dorado Bedstraw

FKR-Fresno Kangaroo Rat

GGS-Giant Garter Snake

KC-Keck's Checkerbloom

DOE- Department of Energy

DU - Ducks Unlimited

DWR- Department of Water Resource

EID-El Dorado Irrigation District

ELDCounty- El Dorado County

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

ESRP- Endangered Species Recovery Program

FCLT- Four Creeks Land Trust

FHA-Federal Highway Administration

FWS-Fish and Wildlife Service

FWUA-Friant Water Users Association

LTRID - Lower Tule River Irrigation District

MCFOST-Merced County Farmland and Open Space Trust

NAWC-North American Wetlands Council NFWF- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

NRCS-Natural Resource Conservation Service

Habitat Types

GL-Grassland HW - Hardwood RI - Riparian

Focus Species

LFF-Large-flowered fiddleneck

LB-Layne's butterweed

PBBB-Palmate-bracted birds beak

PHC-Pine Hill Ceanothus

PHF-Pine Hill Flannelbush

RBR-Riparian Brush Rabbit

RWR-Riparian Woodrat

SMG-Stebbins Morning Glory

SJKR-San Joaquin Kangaroo Rat

SJKF-San Joaquin Kit Fox

TCB-Tri-colored Blackbird

Packard-Packard Foundation

SacNWRC-Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

SCCAO – South Central California Area Office (USBR)

SCI- Safari Club International

SJCOG, INC. -San Joaquin Council of Governments

SFC- Sierra Foothil Conservancy

SJRC-San Joaquin River Conservancy

SJRPCT-San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservancy Trust

SNWRC-Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

TNC-The Nature Conservancy

TPL-Trust for Public Land

USFS- United States Forest Service

USGS-BRD United States Geological Survey - Biolgoical Resource

Division

WCB-Wildlife Conservation Board

WDP- Wetland Development Program

UP - Uplands

VP - Vernal Pool

WL - Wetland

TKR-Tipton Kangaroo Rat
VELB-Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle
VC-Vasek's Clarkia
VPFS-Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp
VPTS-Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp
YBC-Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Action

ACQ - Acquire CE - Conservation Easement CONF – Conference

CST- Construction

D&D - Development & Design
D&P - Design & Print
EX - Exhibit Design and

Construction

MGT - Management MON - Monitoring PROP - Propagate/Collect seeds RES - Research RS - Restoration

SU - Study SUR - Survey